

Newsletter

October 2011

FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Gayle A. Jones, Administrator

I don't know where the time goes, but the older I get, the faster it goes by!! Fall is in the air and I feel like it should still be Spring! Well, the Village wrapped up another successful fiscal year and moved right into fiscal year 2012 without a hitch. We have a very sound budget for the coming 2012 fiscal year.

For those of you who don't know, Robert Knappe, the Maintenance Supervisor, retired June 30, 2011. He will be greatly missed; however, we are glad to have James Padilla step up into that position. James has been with the Village for 7 years and we are thrilled that he accepted this position. James' promotion left a vacancy in the Maintenance Department that was filled by Angelo Jojola, who is fitting in just great.

Our Community Center Director also left in the spring and Rose Poitras has filled that position. She is doing a great job with the senior program and has made some wonderful changes to the looks of the Community Center.

We had a Library Aid position become available and that was filled by Maya Salter. Maya is working on a degree in Library Science and has been a great asset to our Library.

The Village has also hired Joanne Apodaca as a part-time food service worker for the senior lunch program. She seems to be fitting in very well with the senior bunch at the center.

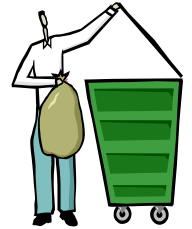
And last, but not least, the Village has hired Rochelle Romero as our new janitor. She is doing a great job keeping up with all the Village facilities.

WELCOME ALL NEW EMPLOYEES TO THE FAMILY AT THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS!!

VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS OCTOBER CLEANUP

James Padilla, Maintenance Supervisor

The **Bosque Farms Fall Cleanup** will be held on Saturday and Sunday, the following two weekends in October:



Sat. & Sun. October 15 & 16
Sat. & Sun. October 22 & 23
From 8AM to 4PM

The dumpsters will be located at the **Maintenance Yard next to the Waste Water Treatment Plant on DeSmet Road.**

Due to a limited number of dumpsters, residents will be allowed ONE load per household.

Residents must bring a water bill or utility bill for proof of residency.

NO computers, televisions, tires, concrete, large appliances (refrigerators, washers, etc.), ammunition or explosives, batteries, toxic chemicals, paint, asbestos or pesticides will be accepted.

Small appliances such as toasters and microwaves are accepted. For more information, call the Village Office at 869-2358.



BOSQUE FARMS EMS

We recently finished a First Responder Class and now have five new volunteers! Welcome aboard! We can still use additional volunteers to help out. If you have some free time, are interested in EMS and would like to give back to your community contact Gayle Jones, Village Clerk/Administrator at 869-2357.

I would also like to thank the First Assembly of God Church in Bosque Farms for recognizing all of the emergency responders in Bosque Farms again this year. This means so much to our crew! Your support and thoughtfulness is overwhelming!

PLANNING & ZONING

Donna Baker, P & Z Officer

ORDINANCES

They are reminders of what we can do to maintain the excellent quality of life we have here in the Village. The following are examples of what can happen when Ordinances are not followed:

1. When **household trash** is allowed to accumulate in the yard, or animals are not cleaned up after, disease carrying insects are attracted and the yard becomes unsightly to look at and unpleasant to live near.
2. **General debris** is stacked on a property; it detracts from the beauty of our Village and gives wild animals, like skunks, a place to hide.
3. **Inoperable vehicles** leak oil and other fluids and leach battery acid, which taint the groundwater and soil we use to water and grow our vegetable gardens.
4. An **overgrowth of weeds** is a fire hazard and harbor mosquitoes.
5. A resident builds a **structure** without a permit. These structures may not be covered by a homeowner's insurance policy.
6. A resident operates a business without a **Home Occupation Permit** and the business may compromise the character and safety of the neighborhood.



The **Village's Property Maintenance Ordinance** is a reminder of what we can do to maintain an excellent quality of life in the Village. I hope that we can all work together responsibly to provide a safe, healthy, community today and in the future. Please take the time to review a copy of the Property Maintenance Ordinance either at the Village Office or on line at www.bosquefarmsnm.gov so you, as a resident, can be informed.

FEMA

As you are aware, the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps went into effect last August. If your home was built prior to Flood Insurance Rate Maps going into effect, you may be eligible to be grandfathered in regards to your flood insurance premiums. Call the Planning & Zoning office if you have any questions.

REMINDERS:

All building improvements, metal fences, and any building development must start with a Development Review/Floodplain Permit Application. If in doubt about any type of buildings, structure

or fence on your property – please contact the Planning & Zoning Department to avoid being in violation of the Village Municipal Code.

Once a Development Review/Floodplain Permit Application is approved from the Planning & Zoning Department all building permits will be issued from Construction Industries Division (CID). <http://www.rld.state.nm.us/cid/> can help with all your questions and concerns regarding your construction.

All residential properties must have no less than 60% of the land designated as open space. This means that you may not store vehicles, equipment, etc. that would violate this section of the Municipal Code.

If you are unsure where to take various items such as waste, paint, etc., Earth 911 has various information by stating what you would like to get rid of and your zip code www.earth911.com

The Planning & Zoning Department does not handle disputes about private easements, private roads, water rights or private agreements of any kind; these are matters to be handled between individuals.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Joe Mestas, Animal Control Officer

ABANDONMENT OF ANIMALS

Ordinance 8-2-9

It is unlawful for any owner or keeper to fail to provide an animal with proper food, drink, shelter, or otherwise treat the animal in a cruel or inhumane manner.

Any dog(s) outside the premises of its owner or keepers property boundaries is required to be under the control and care of the owner or keeper at all times.

KEEP ANIMALS ON A LEASH



Per Ordinance 8-3-1, when walking or running your dogs, they MUST ALWAYS BE ON A LEASH.

BICYCLE HELMET LAW

Parents and riders, please remember that 17 years of age and under must wear helmets while riding bicycles. Please help keep our Bosque Farms young people safe.



WATER DEPARTMENT

Cheryl Hibdon, Assistant Clerk

WINTERIZE YOUR HOME

Winterizing your home helps prevent frozen pipes and costly plumbing repair bills, it saves water too!

1. Check all faucets outside and inside for leaks.

2. Remove all hoses and, where possible, turn off and drain outside bib plumbing.

3. Cover hose bibs with foam insulators. These are available at hardware stores.

4. For insulated hose bibs, turn off the feed valve in the insulated part of the garage and open the hose faucet to drain the water from the plumbing in the insulated wall.

5. Insulate your water pipes to help prevent freezing. Also, if your hot water pipes are insulated, less water will have to run before the hot water flows.

6. Open cabinet doors where plumbing is in outside walls during really cold spells.

7. When it's very cold, allow a small trickle of water to run through a faucet. The flowing water will help prevent freezing but also wastes water and should be done only when other options are not possible.

8. Turn off your irrigation system's water supply and drain the irrigation lines.

9. Use a broom, blowers, or shop vacuum to clean leaves and pine needles from walls and driveways rather than a hose and water.



2011 BF VILLAGE HOLIDAYS

The Bosque Farms Village Offices will be closed for the observance of the following Holidays during 2011:

Columbus Day - - - - - Monday, October 10, 2011
Veteran's Day - - - - - Friday, Nov. 11, 2011
Thanksgiving Day - - - - - Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011
Day after Thanksgiving Day - - - Friday, Nov. 25, 2011
Christmas Day - - - - - Monday, Dec. 26, 2011



UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Cliff Hibdon, Utilities Director

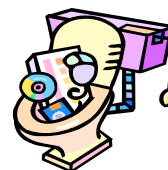
User Instructions For The Environment One Grinder Pump

With proper care and by following a few guidelines, the grinder pump will give you years of dependable service.

Care and Use of the Grinder Pump

The Environment One grinder pump is capable of accepting and pumping a wide range of materials. Regulatory agencies advise that the following items should not be introduced into any sewer, either directly or through a kitchen waste disposal unit:

Glass
Diapers, socks, rags or cloth
Metal
Plastic objects (toys, utensils, etc.)
Seafood shells
Sanitary napkins or tampons
Goldfish stone
Kitty litter



In addition, you must never introduce into any sewer:

Explosives
Strong chemicals
Flammable material
Gasoline
Lubricating oil and/or grease



Periods of Disuse

If your home or building is left unoccupied for longer than a couple of weeks, perform the following procedure:

Purge the System. Run clean water into the unit until the pump activates. Immediately turn off the water and allow the grinder pump to run until it shuts off automatically.

Duplex Units. Special Attention must be taken to ensure that both pumps turn on when clean water is added to the tank.

Caution: Do not disconnect power to the unit

Power Failure

Your grinder pump cannot dispose of wastewater without electrical power. If electrical power service is interrupted, keep water usage to a minimum.

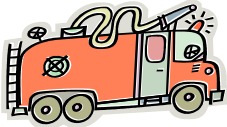
FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Spencer Wood, Fire Chief

First of all I would like to extend my appreciation for the co-operation of Village residents during one of the most volatile fire seasons on record. The extreme drought conditions that we are experiencing have been worrisome for the fire department.

We have had only one structure fire in the village all summer and it was an accident. The resident was burning weeds and watered down the area when finished. Unknown was the fact that grass was growing up the wall behind the metal siding of the building. The smoldering grass acted as a fuse and the building caught fire several hours later. This is the second time I have seen this same scenario happen, so be sure to clear all debris away to an open space before burning.

Another fireworks season has come and gone without incident. Thanks to everyone for showing restraint in purchasing and using illegal fireworks.



We have ordered a new truck that will replace our existing tanker/pumper. The expected delivery is March or April.

As winter approaches remember to service your heating equipment, including cleaning your fireplace chimney. Be sure to check your smoke detector batteries. If your smoke detectors are over ten years old they need to be replaced.

Keep that Christmas tree watered and have a safe Holiday.



?LOST ITEMS?

If you have lost something on the bike path, at the school bus stop, while out walking or playing around the tennis courts, please call the Village Office, 869-2358, and describe your lost item.

NEW WEB SITE CHECK IT OUT

The Village has a new Web Site now. Please check it out and enjoy:

www.bosquefarmsnm.gov

LIBRARY CORNER

Check Us Out!

Sophita Kyhnsen, Librarian

We are all busy getting ready for the Fall/Winter season.

Starting with a reminder that: The month of November is always "Overdue/Forgiveness" month.



Just drop off all overdue books in the book return. No questions asked! We just want our books back...like everyone else we are not able to "buy" or find a way to replace all the books that are overdue. So take a look and bring back that over-due book! We really appreciate it!

November is also our big Fall Book Sale and we have some great Best Sellers, Children's Books and Non-Fiction to offer that will make wonderful Christmas presents. We will have it all ready to go by Monday November 14th.

September is Spanish Heritage month so come in and check out some of our great Spanish authors that are on display.

We are always looking for great volunteers! Fall and Winter is a wonderful time to spend in the Library helping in a variety of jobs...just ask for a Volunteer Card at the front desk. It is also a good way to learn something "new: that you can use at any Library!

Have a safe and wonderful Fall/Winter season and Holidays!

PLEASE REMEMBER NO DUMPING

Dumping yard waste, grass clippings, tree limbs, etc., is PROHIBITED along Conservancy ditch banks. Please do your part to keep Bosque Farms Beautiful and not piled with your yard waste.

SEWER CUSTOMERS

If your electric cord to your grinder pump ever needs to be replaced, it is your responsibility to bury the electric cord and hire a licensed electrician to wire the cord to the control box. If this is not done within a reasonable amount of time after you have been informed, you may be liable for any damages to the grinder pump and/or its' components.



BOSQUE FARMS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Greg Jones, Chief

I know that most of you are accustomed to calling the Village office phone number (869-2358) to obtain services from the police department. Please realize that when you do so, you are reaching the police department's Administration and Records Clerk. Continue to use this number to retrieve a report or to speak with a supervisor or leave a message for a specific officer. **If you need the assistance of a police officer or need to report a crime, please call the Valencia Consolidated Dispatch Center at 865-9130. To report a crime in progress or to report an emergency dial "911".**

First, I would like to address all the stories and rumors concerning an elderly gentleman being robbed here in one of our own neighborhoods. There was an elderly gentleman who was recently the victim of a larceny. Two women approached him at his home and pretended to be a "friend of a friend". They then asked him for money. He gave them a small amount of money and they left. They later returned and asked for more money, and when they were told that there was no more money, one of the women pretended to fall and picked the gentleman's pocket of his wallet as he tried to stabilize her. The two women then made a hasty retreat to their car and sped away.

We were given a vehicle description of a dark blue 2 door car with a Playboy Bunny decal in the center of the rear window. The women were both Hispanic.

Even though Bosque Farms is the safest community in Valencia County and one of the safest in the state of New Mexico, we have a huge volume of cars that drive through our village EVERYDAY!

So, with that in mind here are some safety tips to keep in mind.

- When someone knocks on your door, look out a window to see if you recognize the person; if you don't recognize them, do not open your door.
- LOCK the doors to your home even when you are home.
- Don't leave your keys, personal information or other valuables in your car. And LOCK your car at all times.
- Watch out for your neighbor's property.
- Have our dispatch and emergency numbers readily accessible. Report suspicious activity immediately to the dispatch center: **865-9130**.

We can't check out the suspicious activity if it is not reported in a timely manner.

REMEMBER IF IT IS AN EMERGENCY SITUATION - DIAL 911!



School is back in session, so please remember to obey the school speed zones. We have 2 schools in Bosque Farms: the Bosque Farms Elementary School on the West Loop and the Christian Academy on the North Loop.

The area immediately in front of the Bosque Farms Elementary School is now posted as a No Parking Zone. This was done to eliminate a safety hazard to our children who walk to school. Please do not park in this area, even for a 5 minute dash into the school.

There is now a cell phone ban while driving a motor vehicle in Bosque Farms. The Village Council adopted a new traffic ordinance that prohibits the use of a cell phone, to include TEXTING, while operating a motor vehicle. The new law went into effect March 05, 2011. The law does not limit the use of "hands-free" operation of a cell phone nor emergency phone calls made to specific enumerated emergency service providers.



PLEASE WATCH YOUR SPEED.

Don't forget the speed limit is 25 miles per hour on Esperanza. We are still seeing a high volume of speeders on this road.

It's September and yes, we are already thinking about Christmas. Our annual Toys for Tots campaign is just around the corner. We begin accepting donations on the 1st of November. The last day we can accept donations is the 15th of December. Donations may be dropped off at Lodi's Beads, the police department or the Village office. Many Thanks in advance for your support for this very worthy program. It is truly amazing how this small community gets involved to ensure the children in our community have a good Christmas.



Going out of town???

Please stop by the office and fill out a form and our Community Watch will check on your residence while you are away. They do an incredible job. THANK YOU WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS FOR MAKING OUR COMMUNITY SAFER!!

The police department hours are from 8am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday.

Please remember, if you need police assistance, our dispatch phone # is: 865-9130. Call this number and a police officer will be dispatched to your location. This will usually alleviate you from having to come to the police station to file a report. As always, dial "911" for any emergency.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE BOSQUE FARMS COMMUNITY CENTER?

Rose Poitras, Community Center Director

If you haven't been by the community center in a while, or are new to the area, you're missing out on the action! As the new director, I've been very busy making it a more enjoyable place to gather with friends or hold meetings or events.

My **thanks** and **appreciation** to those of you who have volunteered time, sweat, art, furniture, advice and encouragement in my endeavors. It has meant a lot to me.



When first moving to Bosque Farms more than five years ago, I was unaware of what the center had to offer. My teenagers would complain that there was *nothing to do* in the area, although they did enjoy the bosque and the path on the loop. We made friends with the neighbors, but our family didn't really feel connected to our new community.

Upon accepting the position as director in late April, I was overjoyed with the opportunity to make a difference in my community. I could see the potential of making the center a hub of community activity. My head is swimming with ideas ready to become realities!

Ask not what your Community can do for you, but what **you** can do for your Community!

In order to proceed with my vision of offering more activities for *all* ages, I would like to encourage the community to join me in my efforts by coming to a **planning meeting** on October 7th from 7-8pm. Please come not only with your ideas, but with a willingness to share your time, effort, skills and abilities. If you would like to see more offered, offer more!



Of interest to all...

On October 14th from 6-8 pm join us for an **October Fest Potluck**. From 7-8 pm, there will be **live entertainment!** David Staley will be singing from the Big Band Era! Bring your favorite German dish to share!

On October 31st from 6-8 pm we will be having our Halloween cake walk for the kids. If you would like to bake or help in any way for this event, please call me.

On November 19th from 9 am to 4 pm and November 20th from 10 am to 3 pm get a jumpstart on your Christmas shopping at the **Arts & Crafts Fair**. Find

unique and one-of-a-kind gifts for everyone on your list.

On December 10th from 2-5 pm we're having a **Community Christmas Party & Sing-a-long!** If you or your group would like to participate in the program by playing or singing a song or two, or more, please contact me as soon as possible. Otherwise, just bring finger foods or your favorite seasonal treat to share for an afternoon of Christmas Cheer!



The **Fiddlers and Musicians of NM** meet for a jam three times a month. When you walk through the door, you're walking into old times...old time entertainment, old time dancing and old time fun! For a \$3 donation at the door, coffee, tea and goodies are included. You can't shake a stick at that!

Of Special Interest to Seniors...

The **Valencia County Senior Singles** will be holding their Halloween Party on October 28th from 5-9 pm. If you *are* a senior and *are* single and haven't joined *this* group, you're in for a treat! Bring a dish to share and wear a costume if you dare!

Through the **Valencia County Older American Program**, lunches are served every weekday, except certain holidays. The suggested donation is **\$1 per meal** for those 60 years old or older. There's a lot more to it though, than just coming for an affordable lunch. This is a place that friendships blossom, a place where you can sit and share your joys, sorrows and tall tales, not to mention those extra veggies from the garden. Even if you don't like what's on the menu for the day, you're welcome to brown bag it or just enjoy a free cup of coffee with the crowd. The lunch menu is not only available to pick up, but as in the past, is online again on the village website, www.bosquefarmsnm.gov.

When you check the menu, check out the **Bosque Farms Senior Program Calendar**, too! We have regularly scheduled activities like Arts & Crafts, Bingo, Bonko, Bridge, Dominoes, Movies, (*Popcorn*), Potlucks, Rock Hounds and Yoga. The newest activity, which I'm *very* excited to announce, is Beginning Line Dance Lessons! Thanks to the Village for the use of their vehicles, (one being equipped with a wheelchair lift), we're not limited to the center. All external activities do require that you sign up, since **space is** limited.

AARP 55 Alive Driving Classes are back! Please check with your *auto insurance carrier to see if you would be eligible for a discount by taking this four* ⁶ *hour class.*

PERALTA POST OFFICE NEWS



"Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night...will stay us from the swift completion of our appointed rounds."

For more than 235 years, the U.S. Postal Service has adhered to this unofficial creed. But now, the agency that is responsible for delivering mail to every resident of the nation at affordable rates is facing a financial crisis. Absent Congressional action this year, the Postal Service will experience a cash shortfall and be forced to default on a payment to the federal government.

The increased use of the Internet, combined with an ongoing recession, has had a dramatic and unprecedented impact on our country's mail volume—and on the Postal Service's bottom-line. We have responded by pursuing every available option under our control to aggressively cut costs and raise revenues, including slashing annual operating expenses by more than \$12 billion and reducing our size by 110,000 career positions during the past four years.

We also continue to consolidate our processing facilities to reduce personnel and transportation costs and right-size our expansive retail network by conducting studies of approximately 3,700 retail offices for possible closure. At the same time, the Postal Service is continuing to work with local retailers to offer products and services at more convenient location—places where people already shop, such as pharmacies, grocery stores and other appropriate retailers. This includes the introduction of the Village Post Office, an alternate access option that offers popular postal products and services such as stamps and flat-rate packaging—and opportunities for local businesses in communities nationwide.

These aggressive efforts, however, are insufficient to close projected budget deficits and ensure the survival of the Postal Service beyond our current fiscal year, which ends on Sept. 30. The Postal Service needs Congress to enact legislation by this September that would eliminate the current mandate requiring retiree health benefit pre-payments, which costs the Postal Service \$5.5 billion annually. Legislation also is needed to return a \$6.9 billion overpayment into the Federal Employees Retirement System to the Postal Service. If it were not for the unique health benefit pre-funding requirement, the Postal Service would have recorded a cumulative profit of \$1 billion from 2007 to 2010.

We also are exploring legislative proposals that would enable us to establish our own health benefits program, administer our own retirement system, and adjust the size of our workforce to match operational needs and the changing marketplace.

In addition, legislation is needed that will give us the authority to determine the frequency of mail delivery, which can save the Postal Service roughly \$3 billion each year.

The Postal Service is not seeking tax subsidies. **We receive no tax dollars for operating expenses**, and rely on the sale of postage, products and services to fund our operations. Moreover, the Postal Service is not seeking additional borrowing authority. Indeed, the absolute last thing that Postal Service wants or needs is to incur additional debt. What the Postal Service needs is access to the money we already have over-paid into our retirement fund.

The Postal Service delivers to more than 150 million addresses daily and the 167 billion pieces of mail delivered annually accounts for more than 40 percent of the world's mail. We deliver to America's homes and businesses more efficiently and at a lower cost than any comparable post—all without the financial support of the American taxpayer. Even in an increasingly digital world, the Postal Service remains critical to the economy, supporting a mailing industry that represents more than 8 million jobs and more than \$1 trillion in commercial activity annually.

Regardless of how many people use the Internet to pay their bills and send documents, the core function of the Postal Service and core need of its customers—the physical delivery of mail and packages to America's homes and businesses—will always exist. And despite doom and gloom headlines, the Postal Service can have a bright future and be put on the road to profitability if given the flexibility from Congress to operate more like a business does.

It's time for Congress to swiftly complete its rounds, and pass substantive legislation to transform the Postal Service business model—which will put it on a sound financial footing for generations to come.

Submitted by Mickie Silva, Peralta Postmaster



RECYCLE DAY

Recycle your newspapers, cardboard, aluminum and plastic items with the 4-H Club every 4th Saturday of the month from 9:00 AM to Noon at the Maintenance Yard on DeSmet Rd. Thank you 4-H Club and parents for your hard work!!!

BURN PERMITS

A faxed Burn Permit will no longer be accepted. Free Burn Permits will be issued in our office for a period of two weeks only and no more than 5 days in advance.

Before burning, remember to get a permit and call the day you want to burn and ask for permission.

Village Office Hours

869-2358

Monday – Friday 8 am to 5 pm

Library Hours

869-2227

Monday & Tuesday 11 am to 5 pm

Wednesday & Thursday 10 am to 5 pm

Friday Closed

Saturday 10 am to 2 pm

Sunday Closed

Court Office Hours

869-9231

Monday thru Friday 7:30-11:30am &
12:30 -4:30pm

Court is held Tuesday & Thursday at 9:00 am.

To make court dates, call **869-9231**.

New Web Site—www.bosquefarmsnm.gov

Mayor:

Wayne Ake

Council

Members:

Dolly Wallace

Bob Knowlton

Russ Walkup

Bill Kennedy

Council Meetings are held every
3rd Thursday of each month.

Planning & Zoning Meetings are held
on the 1st Monday of each month.

All Village Council Meetings are open to
the public and have an “OPEN MIKE”
for comments from citizens. The
community is encouraged to attend these
meetings and provide comments on
matters of concern.

Village of Bosque Farms

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